

### **III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 2, Paragraph 2:

A pneumatic tire of the present invention for achieving the foregoing object is a pneumatic tire provided with a plurality of main grooves extended in a tire circumferential direction on a tread surface, characterized in that, with regard to some of the main grooves among the above plurality of main grooves whose groove width is narrowed during inflation, both groove walls are inclined so that the groove width becomes wider toward the groove bottom, and a protrusion dividing a groove space in the tire width direction is provided at the groove bottom. The protrusion comprises a flat top surface and a pair of slanted walls so that the protrusion has a generally trapezoidal shape.

On Page 8, Paragraph 3:

As shown in Fig. 4, the protrusion 9 can be divided in the tire width direction by providing a cut 10 extended in the tire circumferential direction. As shown in Fig. 4, the cut 10 forms a first divided protrusion section in facial contact with a second divided protrusion section.